

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 12, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 11

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Adoption of a Resolution Asking the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission to Coordinate Activities Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education Decision**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution.

SUMMARY: As directed by Council on July 8, staff has prepared the attached resolution.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Heard presentation by Barbara Coleman on July 8, 2003.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS May 17, 2004 will mark a half-century since the United States Supreme Court delivered the landmark decision, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, striking down the doctrine of "separate but equal" in public education and giving birth to the Civil Rights Movement, and

WHEREAS both the Federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia have designated commissions to plan and coordinate activities to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this decision, and

WHEREAS residents of the City of Lynchburg were affected by the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision and were actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement, and

WHEREAS it is appropriate for the citizens of Lynchburg to recognize and commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the decision

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Lynchburg hereby encourages and endorses appropriate activities to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision and asks the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission to coordinate such activities as may be planned by various individuals and groups.

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council

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